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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 28, 2008 through November 2, 2008.

TUESDAY
10/28/2008

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Will Meyers will record the minutes and oversee morning entries and declarations. Tuesday's entries will be supervised by Martin Hamilton to allow Steward Meyers time to move from Golden Gate to Los Alamitos.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Thursday resulted in one scratch and two jockey changes.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fifth race in the book for maidens three years old and up, claiming price \$4,000, was called off with four entries.

(4) **THE DRAW**

Ten races will be offered Friday. One Arabian, two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races will be contested.

WEDNESDAY
10/29/2008

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Two scratches for Friday were taken and no rider changes were needed.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race, Quarter Horse maidens, claiming price \$8,000, was off with two entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Eleven races were drawn for Saturday. One Arabian, one Thoroughbred and nine Quarter Horse races are scheduled.

(4) ATTORNEY CALLS

Don Calabria, attorney for Adan Farias, contacted the Stewards indicating Mr. Farias wished to drop his appeal and request an immediate imposition of the 15-day suspension imposed in the original ruling. Mr. Calabria was instructed to contact Sharon Jolly in Sacramento and have her send us the proper paperwork for reinstatement of the penalty. More to come.

THURSDAY

10/30/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

Three rider changes and two scratches were made by the 9:00 a.m. deadline for Saturday.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race, maiden Quarter Horses three years old and up, failed to fill with four entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Ten races are on tap for Sunday. One Thoroughbred, one Arabian, and eight Quarter Horse races are scheduled.

(4) CLAIMS RESCINDED

Two claims were voided. Trainer Dominic Fama claimed # 1 "Nicolina U" and # 2 "Ming Rose" from Sunday's third race. Fama had dropped a total of three claims in the race, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1652 (g) (Prohibited Actions with Respect to Claims). Former trainers James Barnes ("Nicolina U") and Charles Treece ("Ming Rose") were informed and accepted the horses back.

(5) JANUARY COMPLAINT (CASE# 08LA0206)

Trainer Elmer January was in to discuss a high Phenylbutazone (5.49 ug/mL) reading on his horse "Datebook." "Datebook" ran the first race on October 2, 2008 at Los Alamitos finishing first. January has not had a medication violation of any kind since May of 2004. In accordance with the new penalty guidelines for category "C," Mr. January was issued a warning.

(6) NUNEZ COMPLAINT (CASE# 08LA0208)

Trainer Jesus Nunez called and accepted the following fine for not having a current groom's license for employee Sergio Alvarez.

RULING # 255

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1895 (TRAINER'S DUTY TO INSURE LICENSED PARTICIPATION – EMPLOYING AN UNLICENSED GROOM).

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 8 Ivanovo (Tr. A. Aquino) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$182.00.

2nd Race - # 7 Docsdelightfuleffort claimed, Tr. Dennis Ekins.

3rd Race - # 8 Kenneth's Warrior claimed, Tr. Jim McElroy.

5th Race - # 1A Taac (Tr. D. Frey) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$0.00.

6th Race - # 1 Blue Sue Nami (Tr. J. Bassett) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$192.00.

8th Race - # 8 Fishing For Bait claimed, Tr. Lissette Hernandez.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 696
 Off Track Attendance: 1,801
 Total: 2,497

On Track Handle: \$115,399
 Off Track Handle: \$222,793
 Out of State: \$440,957
 Total: \$779,149

FRIDAY

10/31/2008

(1) SUNDAY'S SCRATCHES

Two rider changes were all that transpired at scratch time.

(2) HANSON COMPLAINT (CASE# 08LA0210)

Trainer Jim Hanson was in to discuss a high Phenylbutazone (5.96 ug/mL) reading on "Westside Lady" in a workout blood on October 10, 2008. Hanson has a perfect record and in accordance with the new penalty guidelines for category "C," Mr. Hanson was issued a warning.

(3) JOCKEY MEETING

The Stewards met with the Jockey Colony to introduce the 2/3 new stand and discuss expectations. Stewards Will Meyers and Paul Nicolo took over for Martin Hamilton and Randy Winick this week. James Dreyer remains with those two through the end of the meet.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 7 Figure Him Out (Tr. F. Gonzalez) ran away post parade, Stewards.
 Refund: \$15,553.00.

2nd Race - # 2 Speedy Swiss claimed, Tr. Hector Sanchez.

8 Kerryman (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Francisco Rubio replaced jockey Joel Cruz (injured).

3rd Race - # 2 Spoony claimed, Tr. Hector Sanchez.

3 Naughtcho Libre claimed, Tr. Jesus Nunez.

4th Race - # 2 Kapoosh (Tr. S. Torok) jockey Martin Lomelli replaced jockey Sergio Ruiz (no show).

10 Royal Goddess Cartel (Tr. J. Bassett) ran away post parade, Stewards.
 Refund: \$3,031.00.

5th Race - # 1 Power Tool (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Beck.
 Refund: \$2,140.00.

2 Stanford Gold claimed, Tr. Chris O'Dell.

4 Swiss Twist (Tr. R. Zamora) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Beck.
 Refund: \$492.00.

7 Polkatime Band (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Martin Lomelli replaced jockey Joel Cruz
 (injured).

6th Race - # 2 Eye Can Win claimed, Tr. Lorenzo Ruiz.

8 GB Bucks (Tr. E. Steiner) jockey Francisco Rubio replaced jockey Joel Cruz (injured).

7th Race - # 6 Wide Open Throttle (Tr. S. Torok) jockey Martin Lomelli replaced jockey Sergio Ruiz
 (no show).

10th Race - # 5 Streakin Choice claimed, Tr. Ruben Gonzalez.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 875
Off Track Attendance: 2,679
Total: 3,554

On Track Handle: \$171,914
Off Track Handle: \$459,433
Out of State: \$681,717
Total: \$1,313,065

SATURDAY**11/01/2008****(1) ALVAREZ SUSPENSION (CASE# 08LA0207)****RULING # 256**

OWNER SERGIO ALVAREZ, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 31, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 08LA0207, IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF SERGIO ALVAREZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION).

The above ruling was issued because Alvarez failed to appear to answer charges of working without a proper license.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The seventh race for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$2,000, failed to fill with three entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races make up Thursday's eight race card.

(4) GELDING HEARINGS (CASES #08LA0171 & 08LA0197)

Two hearings were held for Director of Racing Ron Church who heads the Los Alamitos Racing Office.

The first case involved a first time gelding named "Push Your Pulse." The program correctly listed "Push Your Pulse" as a gelding. The final proof had the notation "first time gelding," however when the program printed a computer glitch dropped the "first time gelding" notation. No violation was proven.

The second case involved a gelding named "Flusta." "Flusta," trained by Billy Lewis, had been registered at Los Alamitos as a colt and never started before leaving to race on the fairs. "Flusta" raced on the fairs as a gelding and returned to Los Alamitos in September. "Flusta" was entered at Los Alamitos, and the entry blank and a copy of the papers both showed him as a gelding. The racing office staff failed to correct the computer from the original registration and the horse appeared as a colt in the program. Mr. Church accepted responsibility for the error and also explained the remedies he has implemented to assure future problems are avoided. The following ruling was issued.

RULING # 257

DIRECTOR OF RACING RONALD CHURCH IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1461 (DUTY TO COMPILE OFFICIAL PROGRAM – GELDING LISTED AS COLT ON OFFICIAL PROGRAM) ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2008.

(5) JOEL VALADEZ RULING**RULING # 258**

JOCKEY JOEL VALADEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS-WHIP COCKED IN GATE) ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Valadez appeared and accepted the penalty imposed. Valadez had been warned before so a penalty was warranted in this instance.

(6) SANTIAGO MENDEZ RULINGRULING # 259

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1689 (SAFETY HELMETS REQUIRED) ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Mendez was contacted and plead guilty to forgetting a most important part of racing safety.

(7) SERGIO RUIZ RULINGRULING # 260

JOCKEY SERGIO RUIZ IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENTS IN THE FOURTH AND SEVENTH RACES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The above ruling was issued after Ruiz contacted the Stewards shortly before the first race and stated he would not ride Friday and Saturday. Ruiz was informed penalties would be issued if he didn't ride after giving calls out to trainer Sandy Torok.

(8) GOOD RACING

This evening's racing was conducted without incident. The \$1,386,500 "Golden State Futurity" was won by "Tres Passes" for owner Janet McKinnerney. Los Alamitos all-time leading trainer Blane Schvaneveldt and all-time leading rider Eddie Garcia clicked for victory.

(9) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 3 Chianas Cry claimed, Tr. Jose Flores.

8 With Devotion claimed, Tr. Hector Sanchez.

3rd Race - # 4 Chihuahua Star (Tr. A. Soto) jockey Dionicio Navarro replaced jockey Joel Cruz (injured).

5th Race - # 1 Eisus (Tr. H. Shelley) workouts, Stewards.
Refund: \$391.00.

6th Race - # 2 Streakin La Tori (Tr. J. Flores) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$1,038.00.

7th Race - # 1 The Cash Is Flowin (Tr. J. Glenn) ran away post parade, Stewards.
Refund: \$7,010.00.

3 Join Forces (Tr. P. Visscher) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: \$293.00.

8th Race - # 3 Perfect Evening (Tr. S. Torok) jockey Martin Lomelli replaced jockey Sergio Ruiz (no show).
8 Splashy Mama (Tr. P. Jones) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$879.00.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 1,558
Off Track Attendance: 2,959
Total: 4,517

On Track Handle: \$230,941
Off Track Handle: \$482,996
Out of State: \$807,700
Total: \$1,521,637

SUNDAY
11/02/2008

(1) SHELLEY RULING

RULING # 261

TRAINER HELEN SHELLEY IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION – WORKS) ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Shelley was contacted and accepted full responsibility for the late declaration. Shelley stated that she worked the horse at Fresno, but there was no record of the work.

(2) SERGIO RUIZ RULING – PART II

RULING # 262

JOCKEY SERGIO RUIZ IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The above ruling was issued after Ruiz again failed to show for Saturday's races.

(3) ALVAREZ RULINGS (CASE# 08LA0207) – REFER 11/01/08 (5)

RULING # 263

IN THE MATTER OF: SERGIO ALVAREZ

HAVING NOW APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER SERGIO ALVAREZ ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING #256, DATED, NOVEMBER 1, 2008, SUSPENDING SERGIO ALVAREZ FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR), IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

RULING # 264

OWNER SERGIO ALVAREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1481 (11) (OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AND FEES – WORKING AS A GROOM WITHOUT A LICENSE).

The above rulings were issued to clear up Alvarez's part in being improperly licensed. Trainer Jesus Nunez had told Alvarez that he didn't need to come to the hearing since Nunez had been fined.

(4) FARIAS RULING

RULING # 265

IN THE MATTER OF: JORGE FARIAS

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO T & R TACK SHOP, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF TRAINER JORGE FARIAS ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING #188, DATED, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007, SUSPENDING JORGE FARIAS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR), IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after Farias made good on his debt to the tack shop.

(5) VET REPLACEMENT

Dr. Anita Yacoub replaced Dr. Thomas Hackathorn as track veterinarian tonight.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 1 Trans Sonic claimed, Tr. Hector Sanchez.

- Jockey Sam Thompson replaced jockey Saul Ramirez, Jr. (sick).

2 Checkniffirst claimed, Tr. Hector Sanchez.

- # 4 Champion Effort claimed, Tr. Ramon Gonzalez.
- # 6 Sigalert SBL claimed, Tr. Jorge Farias.
- 3rd Race - # 7 A Very Good Check claimed, Tr. Dan Montes.
- Jockey Carlos Huerta replaced jockey Ramon Sanchez (sick).
- 6th Race - # 1 My Chenel (Tr. G. Morales) veterinarian – lame, Dr. Yacoub.
Refund: \$ 6,699.00.
- # 2 Margarita Lane (Tr. D. Urista) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$387.00.
- 8th Race - # 4 Dennz Express (Tr. J. Cooper) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Yacoub.
Refund: \$780.00.
- # 6 C Arrow Fly (Tr. N. Smith) jockey Martin Lomelli replaced jockey Francisco Rubio (no call).
- 9th Race - # 3 Stoli Powered claimed, Tr. Carlos Gonzalez.
- # 5 Secret Look (Tr. M. Skeen) jockey Carlos Bautista replaced jockey Ramon Sanchez (sick).
- # 8 Knight Tori (Tr. J. Romo, Jr.) jockey Juan Andrade replaced jockey Saul Ramirez, Jr. (sick).
- 10th Race - # 4 Honors N Miracles claimed, Tr. Ramon Gonzalez.
- # 5 Ru Noble (Tr. F. Gonzalez) jockey Carlos Bautista replaced jockey Joel Cruz (injured)
- # 7 Hawk The Farm claimed, Tr. Dan Urista.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 651
Off Track Attendance: 2,452
Total: 3,103

On Track Handle: \$174,978
Off Track Handle: \$537,480
Out of State: \$624,444
Total: \$1,336,903

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
10/30/2008	1	8	Ivanovo	A. Aquino	Injured	Hackathorn	\$182
	5	1A	Taac	D. Frey	Injured	Hackathorn	\$0
10/31/2008	5	1	Power Tool	C. Treece	Sick	Beck	\$2,140
	5	4	Swiss Twist	R. Zamora	Sick	Beck	\$492
11/1/2008	6	2	Streakin La Tori	J. Flores	Sick	Hackathorn	\$1,038
	8	8	Splashy Mama	P. Jones	Injured	Hackathorn	\$879.00
11/2/2008	6	1	My Chenel	G. Morales	Lame	Yacoub	\$6,699.00
	6	2	Margarita Lane	D. Urista	Sick	Beck	\$387
	8	4	Dennz Express	J. Cooper	Sick	Yacoub	\$780

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 2, 2008.

Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period seventeen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: five for soundness, four for injury and eight for sickness.

six horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and

removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 10/30	FRI 10/31	SAT 11/01	SUN 11/02	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	31
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R	2	7	2	8	19	681
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	52
INQUIRIES	D			0	0	0	0	0	102
REFUNDS		A		3	4	5	3	15	627
RULINGS			Y	1	0	5	4	10	264

Stewards' Attendance: Will Meyers, Paul Nicolo, and James Dreyer were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Will Meyers (Steward)

Paul Nicolo (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)